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RE:

U.S. Patent Application No 10/813,640 entitled "DEVICES FOR HOLDING PAPER,

CARDS, AND WALLETS" - Chip E. Thomson et al.

Our reference: THMC:015US

Sir:

Please find enclosed:

- (1) A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) mailed June 15, 2004;
- (2) Two Declarations
- (3) Request for Extension of Time;
- (4) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R.1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted; and
- (5) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/THMC:015US.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark T. Garrett Reg. No. 44,699

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Encl: as noted





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Chip E. Thomson et al.

Serial No.: 10/813,640

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: DEVICES FOR HOLDING PAPER,

CARDS, AND WALLETS

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Unknown

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(B)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), dated June 15, 2004, enclosed are:

- (a) Two Declarations executed on behalf of Chip E. Thomson, Glen E. Clifton,Michael C. Lah, Lauren J. Sandham, and Joseph B. Wieck;
- (b) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b); and

(c) A Request for Extension of Time of two months to and including October 15, 2004. Should such request be absent, consider this such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the basic filing fee (\$790.00 - utility large entity); surcharge for late filing (\$130.00); additional claims fee (\$574.00); and two month extension of time fee (\$430.00) from the Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/THMC:015US.

Please date stamp and return the accompanying postcard to evidence receipt of these documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark T. Garrett Reg. No. 44,699

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Figure(s) 23 and 24 described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.
- II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR** 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• Additional claim fees of \$572 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$1472 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$572
 - \$86 for 1 independent claims over 3.
 - \$486 for 27 total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts

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